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--Embodiments of the present invention will be described below. FIG. 1 shows an overview of the first embodiment of the present invention, and in this figure, a communications terminal (for example, a personal computer having a modem, a personal digital assistant, an intelligent telephone set) 11 is connected with a subscriber switching station 13 through a subscriber line 12. The communications terminal 11 has client functions to enjoy the services provided by servers 17 to 20 described in detail later. Moreover, the communications terminal 11 can have a telephone call function. The subscriber switching station 13 has a subscriber switching system 14, a switch 15, and a LAN (Local Area Network) 16. The subscriber line 12 is selectively connected with the subscriber switching system 14 and the LAN 16 through the corresponding switch 15. A pair of a subscriber switching system 14 and a LAN 16 are basically provided for each subscriber switching station 13. Accommodated subscriber lines ~~[[11]]~~ 12 at each switching station may be divided into two or more classes, and a switching system 14 and a LAN 16 may be installed for each class. The LAN 16 contains a WWW server 17 and an SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol) server 18 and a POP (Post Office Protocol) server 19 and a proxy server 20, etc. The WWW server 17 supplies an HTML document and associated files to the communications terminal 11 based on the HTTP protocol through the subscriber line 12 and the switch 15. The SMTP server 18 forwards an e-mail based on the SMTP protocol. The POP server 19 receives an e-mail forwarded by the SMTP protocol. The proxy server 20 enables the connection with internet 21.--

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